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HEW HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFTEL.

1. TRICHINOSIS IS A DISEASE OF MAN THAT IS ACQUIRED BY EATING UNCOOKED MEAT (USUALLY PORK) CONTAINING TRICHINA LARVAE. IN ORDER FOR ANIMALS TO BECOME INFECTED THEY, TOO, MUST EAT THE FLESH OF AN INFECTED ANIMAL. SINCE CATTLE, SHEEP, AND HORSES ARE HERBIVORES, THEY ARE NOT NATURAL SOURCES OF TRICHINOSIS INFECTION FOR MAN. IT IS, THEREFORE, HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT HORSE MEAT, PER SE, WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS EPIDEMIC. IF HORSE MEAT IS

EPIDEMIOLOGICALLY INCRIMINATED, THERE ARE TWO POSSIBLE EXPLANATIONS:

- -- THE HORSE MEAT WAS CONTAMINATED WITH MEAT FROM AN INFECTED PIG, BEAR, DOG, OR OTHER CARNIVORE.
- -- LESS LIKELY, AS EXPERIMENTAL ANIMALS, THE HORSES WERE ARTIFICIALLY INFECTED BY GIVING THEM TRICHINA LARVAE VIA A NASO-GASTRIC TUBE. KISSINGER

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